

**Golf Commission Meeting
August 23, 2010
Minutes**

Members Present: Don Espach, Chairman; Owen Evans, Vice-Chairman; Ron Dray; George Furkiotis; Dave Galla; Bruce Gerstman; Tony Johnson; Jim Steidlmayer; Jonathan Turk (arrived 7:35 PM)

Members Absent: none

Don Espach called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Review and approval of the Minutes:

Review and approval of the Minutes of July 26, 2010...A motion made by Mr. Steidlmayer seconded by Mr. Galla to approve the minutes as is. Motion carried unanimously.
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Audience Participation:

- Mrs. Kristine Miklus of the Donald Miklus Foundation informed the Commission that Phase 1 of the construction on the indoor training center is nearly complete. All that remains is installation of the doors and windows which are on order. Phil Riordan of Elite Electrical is working on getting some materials donated from various sources to begin Phase 2. Mrs. Miklus asked the Commissioners if they would approve the concept of a plaque inside the training center to acknowledge major donations to the project. The plaque would be similar to those already on display in the clubhouse. The Commissioners agreed to such a plaque.
- Mr. Stephen Castro, resident of Trumbull, reported that he is a former member of the Tashua Knolls Men's Club. As such he was able to maintain a GHIN (Golf Handicap Index Number). Although he is no longer a member of the club, he still golfs at Tashua and would like to maintain a number. Mr. Dray responded that it is possible to do so on-line and he would help Mr. Castro work through the process.
- Mr. Al DeWalt of the Sr. Men's Club asked if the Town Tournament was going to be re-instated this year. He was informed that the event has not been budgeted for this fiscal year and there are no plans at this point to bring it back.

Director of Golf Course Properties Report (Hidalgo Nagashima):

Labor:

- Director of Operations – Golf Course Properties (Hidalgo Nagashima); Mechanic (Rich Plaveck); Four full-time greensmen (Jeff Cook, Jerry Cook, Chris Gallant, Craig Romano)
- Eleven part-time greensman (Hoeppner, Markaj, Kearney, Goodwin, DeFrancisco, Ebert, Oleyar, Valuzzo, Main, Quinn, Plumeau)
- Five Summer Seasonal (Bird, Bronsky, Fischer, Meier, Reich)

Maintenance Department Outline:

- Despite that fact that it has been one of the toughest weather years in a long time to grow grass, Tashua is in good condition. Many positive comments have been received. We have received our normal wear and tear and some thinning on Greens #3 and #17. Many courses in the area have not fared as well.
- The greens are in good condition. They will be aerated in November with solid vertidrain tines and topdressed with a new rolling aerator. The #3 green will be aerified after Labor Day.
- The fairways are holding up well. The tees on the Glen will be aerified, seeded, and topdressed this well.
- “Wall to Wall” topdressing will commence shortly after Labor Day.

Maintenance Department Follow Up:

- The ponds were treated at the end of July and look okay.
- We have received our new greensmower and two blowers. We are awaiting bid results for our new tractor.
- All paving is complete for fiscal year 2010/2011.
- The drainage culvert behind the #2 Fairway has been cleaned out. After the 2.5” of rain on Sunday there was no standing water.
- The fairway mower that leaked hydraulic fluid has been removed from service. It will have all hoses replaced and we will test out new bio oil (100% natural) to see how it works. The damage on #16 has been minimal.

Green Committee (Owen Evans):

- The Greens Committee met for an hour prior to the Commission meeting. A new work list will be updated and distributed to Commissioners.

Head Professional Report (Jon Janik):

Tournaments:

- August 2 – Don Miklus Memorial; 90 participants and 20 juniors
- August 9 – Wounded Warrior; 45 participants

- August 16 – U.S. Kids Local Tour – 55 participants
- August 23 – Walter Kane – 118 participants (cart fees only)

Pro Shop:

- Summer clearance sales will begin after Labor Day to make room for fall merchandise.
- Tashua will once again participate in Patriot Golf Day over Labor Day weekend. Two holes will be on each green over the weekend so the American flag will not be laid on the ground.
- The PING tour van will be at Tashua on August 25 to demonstrate their new 2011 equipment.

Instructional Programs:

- Adult Programs:
 - Adult clinics participation has been strong.
 - The Couples Golf School scheduled for August 22 was rained out and is rescheduled for September 12.
- Junior Programs:
 - Summer Camp participation has been excellent with all sessions at or near capacity. The final camp is this week.
 - Junior Golf Club was contested in August with Anthony Angotta winning the 1st Flight. The Championship Fight should be completed this Wednesday.
 - Participation in June afternoon and weekend programs were very steady in August.

General Manager Report (Bobby Brown):

Golf Operations:

- July 2010 rounds: 10,292 (Knolls – 7245; Glen 3047) vs. Knolls - 7203 and Glen – 3622 in 2009. Hot, humid days with some rain accounted for the drop in play.
- August has been hot and dry. Rounds month-to-date are down only 200 on the Knolls but are up 190 on the Glen.

Plant & Facility:

- The Tashua Knolls sign has been re-installed at the foot of Tashua Knolls Road and Route 25.
- A meeting will be held this Thursday to discuss the upcoming cart bid.
- There appears to be an air circulation issue in the office and ladies locker room. The problem will be investigated.
- There was a leak from the drainage pipe in the ice machine. It was fixed by our own maintenance department.

- There is another tiny leak that is causing the compressor to run. Fairfield Sprinkler has been notified.

Marketing:

- Discussions are underway for fall specials.
- Promotions of 9 holes of golf at Tashua Glen will be with Cumulus Media.

House Committee (Tony Johnson):

- Mr. Johnson asked if anyone could help him get through the process at Town Hall in order to speed up the process of getting work done at the maintenance garage prior to the winter weather. Mr. Espach responded that he would see what he could do.

Finance (Dave Galla):

2010 (July) MTD Sales (Through July 30, 2010)

Greens Fees

<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>Change</u>
\$329,360.50	\$344,149.00	-6.3%

Cart Sales

<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>Change</u>
\$7,074.00	\$6,592.00	7.3%

Rounds

<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>Change</u>
7245	7203	0.5%

Revenue and Expenses

- Fiscal 2010-2011 start down, but seems to be normalizing in August as receipts are tracking 2009-2010 numbers.
- Currently, based on carryover projects, funding projects should be carefully considered and financially reviewed prior to approval.

Budget

- Will work in the future with current golf car lease to create as much cost savings and value-added as possible. Meeting scheduled for the week of August 23, 2010
- Board of Finance approved the transfer of \$28,800.00 from Salaried full time to salaries seasonal at last finance board meeting (August 12, 2010)

Correspondence:

- None

Old Business:

Mr. Evans made a motion; seconded by Mr. Steidlemayer to approve the Tashua Knolls Men's Club request for a NEPL Tournament to be held on Sunday July 24 and Monday, July 25, 2011 (previously approved for July 17 and 18) with greens fees waived. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Espach made a motion; seconded by Mr. Evans to approve the contract between Hidalgo Nagashima, Golf Course Properties Director, and the Town of Trumbull as approved by both parties. Motion carried unanimously.

- Mr. Dray and Mr. Steidlemayer met with the Concessionaire, Mr. Domenick Faustini, to discuss his storage issues at the club house. A "concept" plan was presented to the Commission to bump out his present storage area near the kitchen. The Commission granted permission to move forward with an investigation of any fire department egress issues as well as providing a more detailed plan.

New Business:

- Mr. Evans had previously sent out an email to Commissioners regarding a complaint of the placement of the cart path on #14. Apparently if a ball is hit on the cart path, it will bounce into the pond. A few alternate placements of the path were discussed; however, the Commission decided no further action would be taken at this time.

A motion was made by Mr. Gerstman at 8:13PM, seconded by Mr. Dray to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine A. Plumeau
Golf Course Commission Clerk